GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:377
ANSWERED ON:17.08.2001
EXPORT OF SUGAR
BRIJBHUSHAN SHARAN SINGH

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has initiated measures for enhancing the export of sugar keeping in view the increasing demand of sugar in the World and the decrease in the sugar production of other sugar exporting countries;

(b) whether the Union Government propose to hold negotiations with exporting countries for better coordination so that better prices could be obtained in the international market;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the export price of sugar fixed for this year for various exporting countries in the international market?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHANTA KUMAR)

(a),(b),(c)&(d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a),(b),(c)&(d) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 377 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 17-08-2001 IN THE LOK SABHA.

(a): The Government has taken various measures to boost the export of sugar. These measures include, inter alia, the following:-

(i) The sugar meant for export has been exempted from the levy obligation. This exemption is available upto 30.9.2001 or till further orders, whichever is later.

(ii) The quantity exported for commercial export is to be treated as advance freesale release to be adjusted after a period of 12 months from the date of release.

(iii) DEPB at the rate of 5% of the FOB value of exports of sugar has been allowed.

(iv) Quantitative restrictions on the export of sugar have been removed. The requirement of registration with the Agricultural and Processed Foods Export Development Authority (APEDA) for the purpose of export of sugar has also been done away with effect from 1.4.2001.

(b)&(c): No such proposal is under consideration. It may also be mentioned that the export of sugar is completely free and that the export price of sugar depends on a number of factors such as quality and international price of sugar.

(d): The Government does not fix the export price of sugar for any country.